CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, on October 1, 2010 received a petition from the John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Black-backed Woodpeckers occur in a wide variety of conifer-forest types, but the greatest densities typically occur in unlogged, intensely burned conifer forests.

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on October 11, 2010 the Commission transmitted the petition to the Department of Fish and Game for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. It is anticipated that the Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its February or March 2011 meeting. Interested parties may contact Dr. Eric Loft, Wildlife Branch, Department of Fish and Game, 1812 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, or telephone (916) 445-3555 for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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Fish and Game Commission

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